SERVICE DATE – APRIL 10, 2006

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Ex Parte No. 519 (Sub-No. 3)

Notice of National Grain Car Council Meeting

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board

ACTION: Notice of National Grain Car Council meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Grain Car Council (NGCC), pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law No. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C., App. 2).

DATE: The meeting will be held on May 8, 2006, beginning at 11:00 a.m., E.D.T.

ADDRESS: The meeting will be held in the Linda J. Morgan Hearing Room (7th Floor) at the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jamie Rennert, (202) 565-1519. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at: (800) 877-8339].

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The NGCC arose from a proceeding instituted by the Surface Transportation Board's (Board) predecessor agency, the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC), in <u>National Grain Car Supply—Conference of Interested Parties</u>, Ex Parte No. 519. The NGCC was formed as a working group to facilitate private-sector solutions and recommendations to the ICC (and now the Board) on matters affecting grain transportation.

The purpose of this meeting is to continue discussions of private-sector solutions to problems related to the availability of railroad cars for distribution and transportation of grain. In particular, rail carrier members will report on their preparedness to transport the Fall grain harvest.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be conducted pursuant to the NGCC's charter and Board procedures. Further communications about this meeting may be announced through the Board's website at <u>WWW.STB.DOT.GOV</u>.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

Decided: April 7, 2006.

By the Board, Chairman Buttrey and Vice Chairman Mulvey.

Vernon A. Williams Secretary